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Federal Communications Commission
by e-mail

Dear Commissioner Martin:

RE: Broadcast Ownership Rules, MB Docket 02-277

I'm writing to follow up on our July 20, 2004 meeting. A question that arose was, hypothetically, how MMTC and NABOB would regard the deregulation of large market newspaper-broadcast ownership as a stand-alone decision.

Subsequently, this question arose in the Third Circuit in the Prometheus case in connection with a motion filed by Tribune Corp. for a partial lifting of the stay. MMTC filed a responsive pleading with which NABOB agrees, and it is attached. Therein we urged that if the Court were inclined to grant the relief sought by Tribune, the Court should first remand the matter to the Commission so that, in light of the Court's merits decision in Prometheus, the Commission could consider the impact of such deregulation on minority ownership and adopt corrective steps commensurate with any such impact. Further, the Commission would need to draw the line that defines a "large market."

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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